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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF RECONNAISSANCE  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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SUBJECT: Implementation of Decision on Oxcart Phase-out

As we discussed in our meeting of January 6th, I have selected [ ] to coordinate on my behalf the planning actions incident to the phase-out of the Oxcart aircraft. [ ] will be responsible for considerations incident to Air Force interfaces involved, such as military personnel, support and tanker aircraft, airlift, requirements, etc.

It is requested that you designate an individual to monitor the efforts involved on behalf of the CIA. Once designated, he and [ ] should work together in establishing courses of action for the many considerations involved, with participation by [ ] as necessary. The NRO Staff will provide additional assistance as required.

I propose that these individuals be tasked with expanding and refining the assumptions discussed at our meeting, identifying decision and problem areas more completely, defining problem solutions and alternatives, and calling for assistance as required. As significant portions of these tasks are completed, these designees should present their recommendations to us for review covering the Oxcart and related programs (Photographic, Fuel, Aircraft R&D). I would expect that on most items, final decisions affecting program and budget could be made on the basis of these recommendations without regular meetings between us. However when necessary, we would arrange for further discussion of any issues which arise. The designees should also make monthly reports to us on accomplished and planned actions to implement the Oxcart phase-out.

NRO review(s) completed.

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